



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: David A. Young, et al. Group Art Unit: 3727
Serial No.: 10/687,168 Examiner: Brevard, Maerena W.
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(formerly: MDYNE/D040CT)
Title: REVERSIBLE SHANK FOR HITCH MOUNTED
ACCESSORY CARRIERS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the first Office Action dated July 28, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due October 28, 2004). As this Response is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing dated October 28, 2004, Applicant believes no additional fees appear due. However, if any additional fees are required regarding the filing of this Response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Please reconsider the standing rejections in light of the following amendments and comments.